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FDI IN EDUCATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allow foreign direct investment in the education sector and also permit teaching the curriculum of foreign institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Indian Educational Institutes teaching foreign curriculum in collaboration with foreign institutions; and

(d) the provisions made by the Government to keep a check on such institutions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) : Government, vide Press Note 2 (2000 Series) dated 11.2.2000 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) has allowed FDI up to 100% on the automatic route in the Education Sector, subject to the sectoral rules/regulations as may be applicable. At present,only the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has regulations in place for entry and operation of foreign universities/institutions imparting technical education in India.According to available information, four Indian institutions have been accorded approval by AICTE for conducting foreign university programmes i n India. The curriculum depends on the agreement between the two collaborating institutions.

A legislative proposal for regulating the entry and operations of foreign educational institutions in India is under consideration of the Government.